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SUBJECT: UNESCO DG'S PRIVATE CONSULTATION ON
CANDIDATES FOR POSTS OF ADG FOR NATURAL
SCIENCE AND ADMINISTRATION

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNESCO EXBD RULES OF PROCEDURE
DG HAS CONSULTED BOARD MEMBERS BY CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT
(EX/PRIV/23 AND 25) OF 5 AUGUST 1975)REQUESTING THEIR
COMMENTS NOT LATER THAN 5 SEPTEMBER ON CANDIDATES FOR
POSTS OF ADG FOR NATURAL SCIENCES AND ADG FOR ADMINI-
STRATION.

2. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT AT 97TH EXBD MEETING,
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DG ANNOUNCED CANDIDATES CHOSEN FOR ADG POSTS MUST HAVE

WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF FRENCH AND ONE OTHER WORKING LANGUAGE AND TOP POSTS (ADG AND DDG) WILL BE APPOINTED ON BASIS OF FOLLOWING GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: AFRICA, ASIA, LATIN AMERICA, NORTH AMERICA, EASTERN EUROPE, WESTERN EUROPE AND MIDDLE EAST. WITH AFRICAN (M'BOW) AND AMERICAN (DDG FOBES) ALREADY HOLDING POSTS, ADG PERSONNEL WILL BE APPOINTED FROM OTHER REGIONS. FACTORS OF LANGUAGE, GEOGRAPHIC REGION AND PARTICULARLY QUALIFICATIONS OF ADG CANDIDATES HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY WEIGHTED IN PERMDEL RECOMMENDATIONS SET FORTH BELOW.

3. CANDIDATES FOR ADG FOR NATURAL SCIENCES ARE:

- A. MR. KOICHIRO HAYASHI (JAPAN)
- B. MR. ABDUL-RAZZAK KADDOURA (SYRIA).
- C. MR. PAUL T. MATTHEWS (UNITED KINGDOM)
- D. MR. WLADIMIR MERCOUROFF (FRANCE)
- E. MR. EFRAIM OTERO RUIZ (COLOMBIA).
- F. MR. MARCEL ROCHE (VENEZUELA).

PERMDEL CAN SUPPORT HAYASHI, KADDOURA OR ROCHE WHO ALL WELL QUALIFIED. DG COULD APPOINT HAYASHI BECAUSE RAO (INDIAN) WHOSE NAME HAD BEEN EXPECTED TO APPEAR ON SHORT LIST OF ADG FOR ADMIN CANDIDATES, NOT ON LIST. (ONLY ASIAN CANDIDATE FOR ADMIN POST IS BURMESE WHO NOT QUALIFIED, SEE NEXT PARA). U.S. MIGHT WANT TO SUPPORT KADDOURA'S CANDIDACY FOR POLITICAL REASONS RELATED TO DEVELOPMENTS IN MIDDLE EAST. ALSO, BECAUSE THERE NO LATIN AMERICAN CANDIDATES FOR ADG ADMIN, DG MIGHT CHOOSE ROCHE. AS THERE NOT TIME TO POUCH EX/PRIV DOCUMENT TO DEPARTMENT FOR REVIEW, SUGGEST EXBD MEMBER GORDON SCHERER BE CONTACTED AS HE HAS DOCUMENT (SEE PARA 5 BELOW). UNLESS THERE POLITICAL REASONS FOR SUPPORTING KADDOURA, PERMDEL RECOMMENDS SUPPORTING ROCHE WHO US EDUCATED AND SPEAKS ENGLISH, FRENCH, AND SPANISH OR HAYASHI. REQUEST GUIDANCE.

NOTE: FRENCH CANDIDATE MERCOUROFF WELL QUALIFIED BUT HIS NOMINATION HAS AROUSED INTENSE RESENTMENT OF VERY ABLE FRENCH DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL - NATURAL SCIENCE DIVISION, MICHEL BATISSE, WHO WOULD HAVE BEEN IDEAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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"IN-HOUSE" NOMINEE FOR POST.

4. CANDIDATES FOR ADG ADMIN ARE:

- A. MR. JOSEPH A. ASMAH (GHANA).
- B. MR. MARTIN ELSAESSER (FRG).
- C. MR. HANS RAU (FRG).
- D. MR. JACQUES RIGUAD (FRANCE).
- E. U AUNG SHWE (BURMA).

IT UNLIKELY DG WILL APPOINT ASMAH, BECAUSE HE AFRICAN
AND QUALIFICATIONS SEEM THIN. AS NOTED IN PARA 3 ABOVE,
AUNG SHWE NOT QUALIFIED AND INDEED NONE OF CANDIDATES
STRIKE US AS TOP RANK. PERMDEL INCIINED SUPPORT FRG
CANDIDATE ELSAESSER, WHOSE QUALIFICATIONS IN OUR VIEW
GIVE HIM EDGE OVER HIS COLLEAGUE RAU. ELSAESSER IS
EX-GERMAN FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER (POSTS AT LONDON,
ALGIERS AND HONG KONG), PERSONNEL OFFICER FOR PROFESSION-
AL STAFF AT FEDERAL MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, BONN
(1965-1970), DEPUTY PERMREP OF FRG TO UNESCO (1970-73)
AND SINCE 1973 HEAD OF BUDGET AND FINANCE DIV. FEDERAL

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, BONN.

5. HOWEVER PERMDEL WOULD APPRECIATE BROAD DISCRETION-
ARY AUTHORITY RE SUPPORT OF SCIENCE AND ADMIN ADG
CANDIDATES. NOMINEES IN MOST CASES, ESPECIALLY FOR AD-
MIN ARE NOTABLY THIN IN QUALIFICATIONS. OUR LETTER TO
DG MAY INDICATE ACCORDINGLY OUR DISAPPOINTMENT WITH
CALIBER OF CANDIDATES.

6. DELAY IN CABLING ABOVE INFO AND RECOMMENDATIONS, DUE
FACT THAT IT ONLY ON AUGUST 21 THAT WE LEARNED OF
EX/PRIV/23 DOCUMENT, WHICH ISSUED AUGUST 5. PERMDEL WAS
NOT ISSUED DOCUMENT, AS IN PAST, BECAUSE EXPRESS WRITTEN
INSTRUCTIONS TO BOARD SECRETARIAT FROM US BOARD MEMBER
SCHERER THAT HE TO BE ONLY RECIPIENT OF EX/PRIV
DOCUMENTS.

7. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS RE OUR RECOMMEDATIONS
OF CANDIDATES BY SEPTEMBER 2 TO PERMIT WRITTEN REPLY
TO DG. REPLY WILL BE SIGNED IN MR. SCHERER'S NAME.
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DEPT. MAY WANT TO INFORM SCHERER RE SUBSTANCE OF US
REPLY.
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